



HONORS AND ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSE OFFERINGS

Honors courses are higher-level classes that may proceed at a faster pace, cover material more deeply, and/or are more rigorous than regular high school classes. Honors classes are usually reserved for high school students who excel in certain subjects.

AP classes are more challenging than Honors classes. The AP curriculum, administered by The College Board, consists of standardized high school courses that are roughly equivalent to undergraduate college courses. After completing an AP class, students typically take the AP exam in that subject, which can earn them credits and accelerated placement in college.

Minimum requirements to enroll in an Honors or AP course are:

- A willingness to study diligently and apply yourself fully
- Self-discipline to consistently stay on track with the work load and to complete all assignments on time and to the best of your ability
- Regular attendance is required. If your family is planning any trips during the school year that will take your student out of class then we strongly recommend that your student do not take an AP course.
- A cumulative high school G.P.A. of 3.50 or above
- A grade of B+ or above in your current English, Math, or Social Studies class

Recommendations to enroll in an Honors or AP course are:

- ✓ Teacher in your most recent course taken in the content area interested
- ✓ Two current teachers outside of the content area
- ✓ Parental approval

Exams:

Advanced Placement exams are scheduled by the College Board and are taken across the country on the same days in May. These timed exams normally take about four hours to administer, and cost about \$100 each. Again, we want to remind parents and students that these classes are not designed and implemented as exam preparation courses, but as courses that cover the subject content at a college level. It is the responsibility of the parents and students to research the best tools that will aide in the exam aspect of the course. It is strongly encouraged that students begin the preparation for the exam the summer before they begin the course at the high school.

Summer Work:

Students must research and acquire the best exam preparation materials for their own learning styles and become familiar with them by the first day of class. Many of the Advanced Placement courses have required work that must be completed before the start of the upcoming school year. This summer work is crucial for setting the foundation of the course and helping to develop the necessary skills to be successful during the school year. Due to the nature of these courses if this required work is not turned in on the first day of school students will be transferred out of the

Advanced Placement course and placed in the high school equivalent. We apologize in advance but there are no exceptions to this policy. We would be doing a disservice to all our students if we made exceptions to this policy.

Necessary Signatures

Students who do not take these courses seriously and attempt to put in minimal effort create an environment that is not conducive for success. Students who do not put in the time and effort required to be successful will be transferred to the normal equivalent and the next quarter.

Mrs. Sims validation of cumulative grade point average: _____

Signature: _____

Current Subject Area Teacher Recommendation:

I _____ affirm that this student meets the minimum requirements needed to take an honors/advanced placement course. Please do not sign if they do not meet the minimum requirements needed

Signature: _____

Current Teacher Recommendation:

I _____ affirm that this student meets the minimum requirements needed to take an honors/advanced placement course. Please do not sign if they do not meet the minimum requirements needed

Signature: _____

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Signature: _____

As the parent/guardian I have read through this document and understand the requirements needed for my student to register for an advanced placement course(s). I understand that it is my responsibility to ensure my student is at school, prepared for rigors of this course(s) and has the resources necessary to prepare for the AP exam. I understand that if summer course work is not completed by the first day of school in September that my student will be transferred into the high school equivalent of the honors or advanced placement course that they registered for in the spring.

Parent Signature: _____

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